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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT AVIONICS/COMMO EQUIPMENT - TQ-05

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1. AS STATED IN REF CABLE APPOINTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE
U.S. TO REPAIR AND INSTALL AVIONICS AND POLICE COMMUNICATIONS
IN TWO OF THE FOUR AIRCRAFT BEING REFURBISHED FOR THE GOC.

2. AIRCRAFT NO. 1 IS AN AERO COMMANDER WITH A SOPHISTICATED
COLLINS RADIO/NAVIGATION SYSTEMS. COLLINS PROPOSED TWO DEALERS
WHO COULD HANDLE THE WORK, ONE IN DALLAS AND ONE IN MIAMI.
BOTH WERE CONTACTED AND THE ONE IN MIAMI SELECTED BECAUSE HE
WOULD GIVE AN ESTIMATE OF COST AND IT IS CLOSER TO COLOMBIA.
THE PRICE WILL BE AS A PREFERRED CUSTOMER AT THE LOWEST
POSSIBLE RATES AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COLLINS CORP. IT
IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BID THIS WORD BECAUSE ALL SYSTEMS MUST BE
REMOVED AND TESTED TO DETERMINE THE WORK NECESSARY. THE
ACTION BEING TAKEN IS UPON THE ADVICE OF THE MANUFACTURER
AND THE WORK CANNOT BE PERFORMED IN COUNTRY.

3. AIRCRAFT NO. 2 IS A NAVAJO WITH NONE OF ITS SYSTEMS
FUNCTIONING CORRECTLY AND THE KING QUIPMENT TO BE
INSTALLED HAS ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED BY THE U.S. THE
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INSTALLATION CANNOT BE BID UNTIL THE AIRCRAFT IS INSPECTED
AND PROBABLY STRIPPED. THEN CONSULTATION WITH THE AVIATION
ADVISOR REGARDING THE TRADE OFF OF VARIOUS COMPONENTS, IN
THE PANEL AND VARIOUS COMPROMISES. THE AIRCRAFT IS
SCHEDULED INTO ONE KING DEALER, WHO IS HIGHLY REGARDED,
ON JULY 3 FOR COST ESTIMATES AND UPON COMPLETION WILL BE
TAKEN TO ANOTHER KING DEALER, WHO IS THE SAME DEALER WHO

IS SCHEDULED TO REPAIR THE AERO COMMANDER, FOR A SECOND ESTIMATE.

4. THE AIRCRAFT IS BEING FLOWN AT THIS TIME VFR TO BUILD TIME FOR THE FERRY FLIGHT. SEVERAL MECHANICAL DEFICIENCIES HAVE BEEN FOUND AND CORRECTED AND AN EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO GUARANTEE THAT DEPARTURE ON 1 JULY. THE APPROVALS FROM AERO CIVIL ARE BEING OBTAINED AT THE MOMENT.

5. AVIANCA WILL ISSUE THE PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE WORK AND THE U.S. WILL PAY THE ACCOUNT DIRECTLY.

6. THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION DEFICIENCIES HERE AND THE ATTENDANT DANGERS IN THE AVIATION PROGRAM HAVE BEEN REPORTED FREQUENTLY. THE ABOVE WORK CANNOT BE COMPLETED IN THIS COUNTRY IN EITHER A TIMELY OR DEPENDABLE MANNER. NEITHER CAN REPAIRS AND INSTALLATIONS OF THIS KIND BE MADE WITHOUT EXHAUSTIVE ENGINEERING STUDIES TO PERMIT THE PREPARATION OF SPECIFICATIONS WHICH ARE MEANINGFUL.
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